

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3435 – SB 3718

March 16, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013983): Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) to request a corrective action plan when the quarterly report demonstrates a local health department is non-compliant with indigent dental service requirements. Requires DOH to impose sanctions for failure to implement an approved corrective action plan.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$5,100/One-Time
\$72,400/Recurring

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Under current law, DOH is authorized to monitor compliance with indigent dental service requirements and to request corrective action if necessary.
- According to DOH, the Department's central dental office, consisting of one staff, provides quarterly reports to the Tennessee Dental Association on the dental activities of the county clinics, but it does not enforce the abovementioned provisions of the current law due to the limited resources of the office.
- In order to develop standards for corrective actions, communicate such standards, ensure compliance with corrective action plans, and impose sanctions when required, DOH will hire one Administrative Services Assistant. Recurring state expenditures associated with this position will increase by \$72,429 (\$42,898 salary + \$12,331 benefits and insurance + \$7,900 administrative support services + \$4,100 office lease + \$3,000 travel + \$1,600 communications and networking + \$600 supplies). One-time state expenditures will increase by \$5,100 (\$2,700 office set-up + \$2,400 computers and printer).

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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